

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1-14 (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for recording a digital video image comprising:
capturing a video image on a video-capture device;
compressing said digital video image to create a compressed image file;
transmitting said compressed image file over a wireless transmission channel; and
retransmitting said compressed image file over a packet network to a security office, wherein the security office uses the digital video image to determine if assistance should be sent to a location of the capturing of the video image.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said video-capture device comprises a cellphone.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said video-capture device comprises a personal digital assistant.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said video-capture device comprises:
a video camera; and
a wireless modem.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said transmission channel comprises a long-range transmission channel.

20. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
determining an origin of said digital video image; and
transmitting said origin with said compressed image file.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein said determining comprises determining said origin using a GPS receiver.
22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein said determining comprises determining said origin using a cell identifier in a cellular network.
23. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein said determining comprises determining said origin using an E-911 service.
24. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising receiving said compressed image file in a secure remote location.
25. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 15,~~ A method for recording a digital video image comprising:
capturing a video image on a video-capture device;
compressing said digital video image to create a compressed image file;
transmitting said compressed image file over a wireless transmission channel;
retransmitting said compressed image file over a packet network to a security office;
further comprising receiving said compressed image file in said security office,
wherein the security office uses the digital video image to determine if assistance should be sent to a location of the capturing of the video image.
26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising viewing said compressed image file.
27. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising storing said compressed image file.
28. (Original) The method of claim 25, further forwarding said compressed image file.

29. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising notifying a governmental agency.
30. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 15, further comprising:~~ A method for recording a digital video image comprising:
capturing a video image on a video-capture device;
compressing said digital video image to create a compressed image file;
transmitting said compressed image file over a wireless transmission channel;
retransmitting said compressed image file over a packet network to a security office, wherein the security office uses the digital video image to determine if assistance should be sent to a location of the capturing of the video image by determining an identity of a user associated with said digital video image; and
transmitting said identity with said compressed image file.
31. (Original) The method of claim 30 wherein said determining comprises receiving a user identification number.
32. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein said determining comprises using authentication.
33. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein said associating comprises searching a user-profile database.
34. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein said user-profile database comprises a telephone service provider's subscriber database.
35. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising billing for provision of said service.